

3. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the outsole comprises a thermoplastic resin.

4. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the outsole is formed by molding.

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5. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the lower surface of the outsole has a groove formed therein to enhance the flexibility of the outsole.

6. The shoe according to claim 5 wherein the outsole has a width, and the groove substantially traverses the width of the outsole.

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7. The shoe according to claim 5 wherein the outsole has a perimeter, and the groove has a closed-loop shape substantially parallel to the perimeter of the outsole.

8. The shoe according to claim 5 wherein the groove has a substantially semi-circular shape.

9. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the lower surface of the outsole has a grid pattern formed therein to enhance the flexibility of the outsole.

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10. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the upper surface of the outsole has a grid pattern formed therein to enhance the flexibility of the outsole.

11. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the first cushion includes a protrusion that protrudes through the aperture.

12. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the first cushion comprises a polymeric gelatinous material.

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13. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the first cushion further comprises a flexible, resilient sheet.

14. The shoe according to claim 13 wherein the sheet comprises polyurethane.

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15. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the upper surface of the outsole includes a recessed area for receiving the first cushion.

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17. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the outsole includes a plurality of apertures.

18. The shoe according to claim 1 wherein the outsole further comprises a sidewall along the heel section of the member, the sidewall including a cut-out portion.

19. The shoe according to claim 18 wherein the cut-out portion is a slit.

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20. The shoe according to claim 18 further comprising a second cushion disposed in the member adjacent to the cut-out portion.

21. The shoe according to claim 20 wherein the second cushion is shaped to protrude through the cut-out portion during heel strike. --

Please add claim 26.

Sub 26
26. A shoe comprising:
an outsole having an upper surface, a lower surface and a heel section, the upper surface being positioned closer to a wearer's foot when the shoe is worn, the outsole further having an aperture in the heel section extending from the upper surface to the lower surface; and

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a resilient, flexible first cushion disposed on the upper surface of the member in the heel section, the first cushion being shaped to protrude through the aperture, the first cushion comprising a polymeric, gelatinous material;

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the upper surface including a recessed portion, disposed around the aperture, for receiving the first cushion; and

183 the lower surface including a recessed portion, disposed around the aperture, the recessed portion having sufficient depth so that a lower surface of the first cushion will not contact a walking surface when the wearer is walking.--

In the drawings:

Please substitute the four sheets of formal drawings submitted herewith for the drawings now in the case.